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CAMPAIGN '98: NEW U.S. SENATE SURVEY SHOWS BOXER IS VULNERABLE. FONG LEADS AMONG GOP.

Editor's note: Here is a first poll of likely voters done without U.S. Rep. Sonny Bono(R-Palm Springs) in the U.S. Senate mix. Two weeks ago Bono stopped *testing the waters* and announced he would seek reelection. This new poll was done by Godbe Research, 609 likely voters, between May 17-21. Here's the survey and our analysis...

...In the open/blanket primary, incumbent Sen. Barbara Boxer leads with 38%, followed by CA Treasurer Matt Fong with 14%, San Diego Mayor Susan Golding at 12% and San Diego businessman Darrell Issa with 4%. 29% of those questioned are undecided and 3% are for other candidates...

...What's of interest in this first match is the cross-over vote. Godbe's data shows Fong is pulling 8% of the Demo vote, 5% goes to Golding and 2% for Issa. That is 15% of the Demo vote going to GOP candidates. Boxer is pulling just 10% of the GOP vote. And 23% of the Demos in this survey were undecided. This data shows Boxer in trouble with her *Demo base*...

...Among GOP voters only, Godbe's poll puts Fong in 1st with 48%, followed by Golding at 41% and Issa at 11%. The rest are undecided...

...In the **one-on-one battles**, here's how Godbe's poll matches each GOP challenger against Boxer:

- ◆ Boxer 42% vs. Fong 30% (23% undec.)
- ◆ Boxer 43% vs. Golding 29% (22% undec.)
- ◆ Boxer 44% vs. Issa 24% (26% undec.)

(*The numbers don't add up to 100% because of "other candidates.")...

...In looking at these numbers, one doesn't need to be a

rocket scientist to know Boxer would be in trouble if the election were held now. Anytime an incumbent is *below 50%*, that's a sign of vulnerability...

...FYI: As part of Bryan Godbe's analysis, he believes his numbers (when compared to pollster Mervin Field's May survey) tends to show that Sonny Bono's withdrawal announcement helps Golding and Issa, but not Fong (in the *open primary*). Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S LEGAL FILE: HUNG JURY IN ORANGE CO. ELECTION FRAUD CASE AGAINST CARMONY.

Editor's note: Here is our commentary and analysis of the just concluded trial of GOP campaign operative Rhonda Carmony, who was charged with 3 felonies, all stemming from the 1995 recall election of Doris Allen(R)...

...The superior court jury hearing the election fraud case against Carmony deadlocked on all 3 felony charges: 10-2, 10-2 and 9-3 -- favoring conviction. The trial lasted 5 weeks and the testimony was loaded with contradictory statements from many of the prosecution witnesses. It seemed that each had his or her own political agenda and were either protecting themselves or people higher up on the political ladder...

...So what happens now? Lead prosecutor Brent Romney and defense attorney Creighton Laz are due back in court on Aug. 1st, at which time Romney will announce whether or not the DA will retry the case. Given the way the jury voted, sources say it seems *likely* that the DA will take another shot --- unless Carmony agrees to plead to a misdemeanor and will testify against Jeff Flint, GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle's COS. Also at this Aug. 1st court session, sources expect Romney to announce whether he'll file charges against Laurie Campbell - the key prosecution witness who drastically changed her prior statements to

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the DA and in the trial supported Carmony's account of how she (Campbell) got on the ballot as a decoy Democrat...

...Back to Flint. He is in the DA's gunsights, but right now there's not enough evidence to indict him. **Calpeek** sources believe Carmony's testimony to a grand jury would be enough to nail Flint, who took the 5th amendment during the trial. Flint denies any wrongdoing, but it was obvious during the trial that Carmony's defense was built upon the contention that Flint was the key organizer of the Campbell decoy plan and that Carmony was but a small time player. There was testimony which disputed this, but it was clear that Carmony's defense was to attack Flint (and indirectly, Pringle). As a result, sources believe there's now a major split in ranks of Orange Co.'s conservative GOP establishment --- with some backing Pringle(Flint) and others backing U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher(Carmony). We'll have to wait and see how this eventually plays out...

...FYI: On July 18th, Dep. DA Romney and Assemblyman Scott Baugh's attorney, Al Stokke, will be in court where a judge will decide whether the DA or the Calif. AG will handle the prosecution of Baugh's case. The lawmaker is charged with felonies and misdemeanors for failure to properly report campaign contributions. Baugh denies any wrongdoing. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: ANOTHER LOOK AT SHERIFF RACES.
Editor's note: 57 of 58 counties in Calif. will hold elections for Sheriff in 1998. There is some news since our first report two months ago...

...There are now three(3) county sheriffs who won't be seeking reelection next year. As we reported previously, El Dorado Co. Sheriff Don McDonald retired just after our first report. Folsom Police Chief Hal Barker has taken McDonald's place. And we reported that Sacto Co. Sheriff Glen Craig was stepping down and is chairing Undersheriff Lou Blanas' campaign...

...Now comes word that Ventura Co. Sheriff Larry Carpenter is stepping down. He was first appointed in '92 and won election in 1994. Chief Deputy Sheriff Bob Brooks has announced his intention to run...

...And **Calpeek** sources think there will be a number of

other incumbent sheriffs who decide not to run in 1998. No names we can report yet, but our sources think 5-7 more incumbents will decide not to run...

...But the big news concerning sheriff races in '98 continues to focus upon Orange County, where incumbent Brad Gates is under siege from the O.C. GOP Junta, who want to oust him and install Orange Co. Marshal Michael S. Carona. Carona has now hired State Sen. John Lewis(R) as his campaign consultant. Lewis is a key GOP strategist, but has never actually run a campaign out in the open - so to speak, as a paid political consultant...

...As for Gates, he hasn't officially stated his plans, but our sources think he'll seek another term. Right now Gates and some of his top deputies are defending themselves against sexual harassment lawsuits filed by 3 different female deputies. The news media copy is very juicy and isn't good news for Gates and the others who have been named. But Gates' allies wonder if there really is any merit to these suits. We'll have to wait and see. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

July 18-20	UC Davis Extension's 13th annual Political Campaign Management Institute.
July 22-30	Nat'l Governor's Assn. meeting, Las Vegas.
July 25-26	Lake Tahoe Summit (w/Pres. Clinton 7/26).
July 26-28	50th Annual CA Broadcasters Assn. convention, Monterey, CA.
July 27	DCCC Dinner in L.A. w/Pres. Bill Clinton.
July 28	Trial begins on challenge to constitutionality of CA's Open Primary Law, U.S. Court, Sacto.
Aug. 2-Sept. 2	Congressional recess.
Aug. 6-10	Nat'l Conf. of State Legislatures annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
Aug. 21-23	Regional Political Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Council of State Govts. - West. San Francisco.
Sept. 12	CA Legislative session ends.
Sept. 25-28	DNC meeting, Washington DC.
Sept. 26-28	Calif. Republican Party state convention at the Anaheim Hyatt Hotel.
Oct. 26	End of daylight savings time.
Nov. 4	Election Day - S.F. City Attorney & Treasurer; + other local elections.
Nov. 16-19	IAPC Annual Conf., Buenos Aires.
Dec. 3-5	Sessions on Tourism & Future of Western Legislatures. Sponsored by Council of State Govts. - West. Kohala Coast, Hawaii.
Dec. 5-9	Council of State Govts. annual meeting, Honolulu.

L.A. AREA LINCOLN CLUBS HOST QUACKENBUSH.

Calif. Insurance Comm. Chuck Quackenbush(R) will address 3 L.A. Co. Lincoln Clubs: 12 noon, July 15 at the Calif. Club; 7:30 a.m., July 18, Industry Hills Sheraton Hotel; and 12 noon, July 18 at the Torrance Marriott Hotel. For info on all 3 events ☎ Sheila McNichols (818)969-1304...

CALIF. MEDIA WATCH: KABC REMOVES MICHAEL JACKSON FROM HIS WEEKDAY TALK RADIO SHOW

Editor's note: Longtime KABC Radio talk show host Michael Jackson is no longer on the L.A. airwaves during the week. He was ousted by station management and his last weekday show was July 3rd. Here's our report and analysis...

...After 30+ years on KABC, many of them as the time period leader, news of Jackson's demotion to the week-ends (10 a.m. to 1 p.m./Saturdays & Sundays) was leaked in the July 2nd L.A. Times. The ***buzz*** started shortly after 6 a.m. that day and hasn't really stopped and Jackson fans are really POed...

...Sources say Jackson was not a happy camper when given the news several days before the word leaked out. But on the air July 2nd and 3rd, Jackson was his usual professional self. Others are saying what Jackson won't say, mainly that KABC management has shown ***no class*** in the way they've handled this thing. And remember, two weeks ago Jackson was named *Talk Show Host of the Year*...

...Replacing Jackson on the weekdays, beginning July 14th, will be KGO-Radio talk show host Ronn Owens, who will simulcast on both stations. Sources in S.F. describe Owens as engaging, bright and in this market he beats the *Ditto Master* - Rush Limbaugh. This was the reason that KABC gave for moving Jackson to the weekends. Since '91, Limbaugh on KFI has mashed Jackson. The last Arbitron Co. book (Winter '97), showed Limbaugh with 455,200 vs. 306,800 cume persons 18+ M-F/9 to noon. Other sources think KABC management wanted to reduce its overhead: remember, Jackson is high-priced talent...

...The big question for ABC management is whether Owens will be able to close the "Rush gap" in the L.A. market? Some sources think that's wishful thinking. Owens may beat Rush in S.F., but so would Jackson

in the liberal S.F. media market...

...In terms of talk show content, the simulcast in two of Calif.'s key media markets is an interesting concept. It should be terrific in terms of discussing statewide issues and during *Campaign '98* candidates and spokespersons for statewide initiatives should be pounding on the KABC/KGO doors to get on the air. Regardless, it is a gamble for both stations, because listeners may miss the *local flavor* that each station provides. And we can't wait until some L.A. listener refers to S.F. as *Frisco*. All hell will break loose. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: PART V - CALIF. U.S. HOUSE RACES.

Editor's note: Here's another update on U.S. House races here in Calif...

☒ **42nd CD** - Assemblyman Joe Baca of San Bernardino has announced that ***he'll challenge*** U.S. Rep. George Brown(D-Colton) in the June '98 Demo primary. Both represent much of the same area, but they are very different politically --- Baca being much more moderate than Brown, who is a true liberal. This primary challenge is **not** good news for Brown, but sources in both the Inland Empire and Sacto think the incumbent congressman should have little trouble in defeating Baca. Problem is that anytime there's a challenge like this there's always the chance that things can get out of control, leaving both Brown & Baca badly damaged. Several **Calpeek** sources are comparing the upcoming 42nd CD primary to the 50th CD primary, where incumbent Demo U.S. Rep. Bob Filner faces a challenge from San Diego Councilman Juan Vargas(D). The big question in both primaries is whether GOP voters will cross party lines to vote against the incumbents???

☒ **46th CD** - Our sources report that if the U.S. House orders a special election in this seat now held by Demo Loretta Sanchez, former Congressman Bob Dornan(R) will run. HOWEVER, if the election of Sanchez is left standing, odds are ***very strong*** that Dornan would **not** run in '98. Add another GOP name to the list of *possible* 46th CD challengers: Anaheim Councilman Bob Zemel, described as a hardline conservative. FYI: GOP attorney Lisa Hughes (who is running in '98), has hired State Sen. John Lewis(R) as her Calif. consultant. Already abroad is DC-based John McLaughlin...

SAN DIEGO LINCOLN CLUB HOSTS CAPIZZI & JONES.

The San Diego Co. Lincoln Club will host a reception for GOP AG candidate Mike Capizzi at 6 p.m., July 17, Top of The Paladion. On July 24th, the club will host a luncheon with Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) as the guest speaker (12 noon, the University Club). For info on both events ☎ Nancy Haley (619)625-4440...

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***Another Special Election Blood Bath*** - Get ready for WWII in So. Central L.A. when State Sen. Diane Watson(D) resigns to become Ambassador to Micronesia (the job now held by March Fong Eu). Sources say there are 3-4 well-connected Demos now lining up to run for Watson's seat. They include Assemblyman Kevin Murray and former Assemblymembers Gwen Moore and Marguerite Archie-Hudson --- and possibly Assemblyman Rod Wright...

■ ***20th SD Battle in '98*** - L.A. City Councilman Richard Alarcon(D) will challenge former Democratic Assembly Leader Richard Katz next year in the open primary for the 20th SD seat now held by Sen. Hershel Rosenthal(D). Katz has already hired SGA Campaigns (Parke Skelton)...

■ ***Special Assessment Election*** - Voters in Orange Co.'s City of Yorba Linda approved a \$4 million city-wide street lighting & landscape special assessment district by an 83% vs. 17% margin in another one of those vote by mail elections. The turnout was 45% (8,321 total votes). Adler Public Affairs was the lead consultant, with Fairbank Maslin Maullin handling polling. Under Prop. 218, all citywide special assessments must be put to a public vote...

■ ***Hi-Tech Group Gets New Name*** - Although we've reported about this group before, the Technology Network is the new name for this group of high technology firms and executives who have formed both State and federal PACs and will endorse & contribute to political candidates in '98. The group used to go by the name of the Calif. Technology Alliance, then changed its name to New Technology Network. The co-chairs are John Doerr, sr. partner with Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, and Netscape President/ceo Jim Barksdale. The

list of other PAC members reads like the *who's who* of the Silicon Valley -- with the exception of Tom Proulx, the hi-tech exec who was the co-chair of NO on 211 in '96. As Calpeek has reported previously, Proulx and Doerr are not good friends. Wade Randlett is the Demo consultant to this PAC, while Dan Schnur provides the GOP input. Need to reach the Technology Network? **E-Mail** to: info@technetwork.org. For those who like to use the ☎ (415)463-1510...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: oilman, GOP insider and former Reagan kitchen-cabinet member Henry Salvatori, 96, died July 6 in Santa Monica. R.I.P...

● July 15th marks the 10th anniversary for Century Cable TV's Week In Review program with host Bill Rosendahl...

● Divorced: former Congressman Michael Huffington(R) and his wife of 11 years, political pundit and columnist Arianna Huffington. No surprise...

● Angela Oh, the past president of the Korean Amer. Bar Assn. of So. Calif., has been named by Pres. Bill Clinton to the advisory board on race relations...

● Appointed to the L.A. Police Commission by Mayor Richard Riordan: former P/D, attorney Gerald L. Chaleff and environmental attorney Dean Hansell...

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